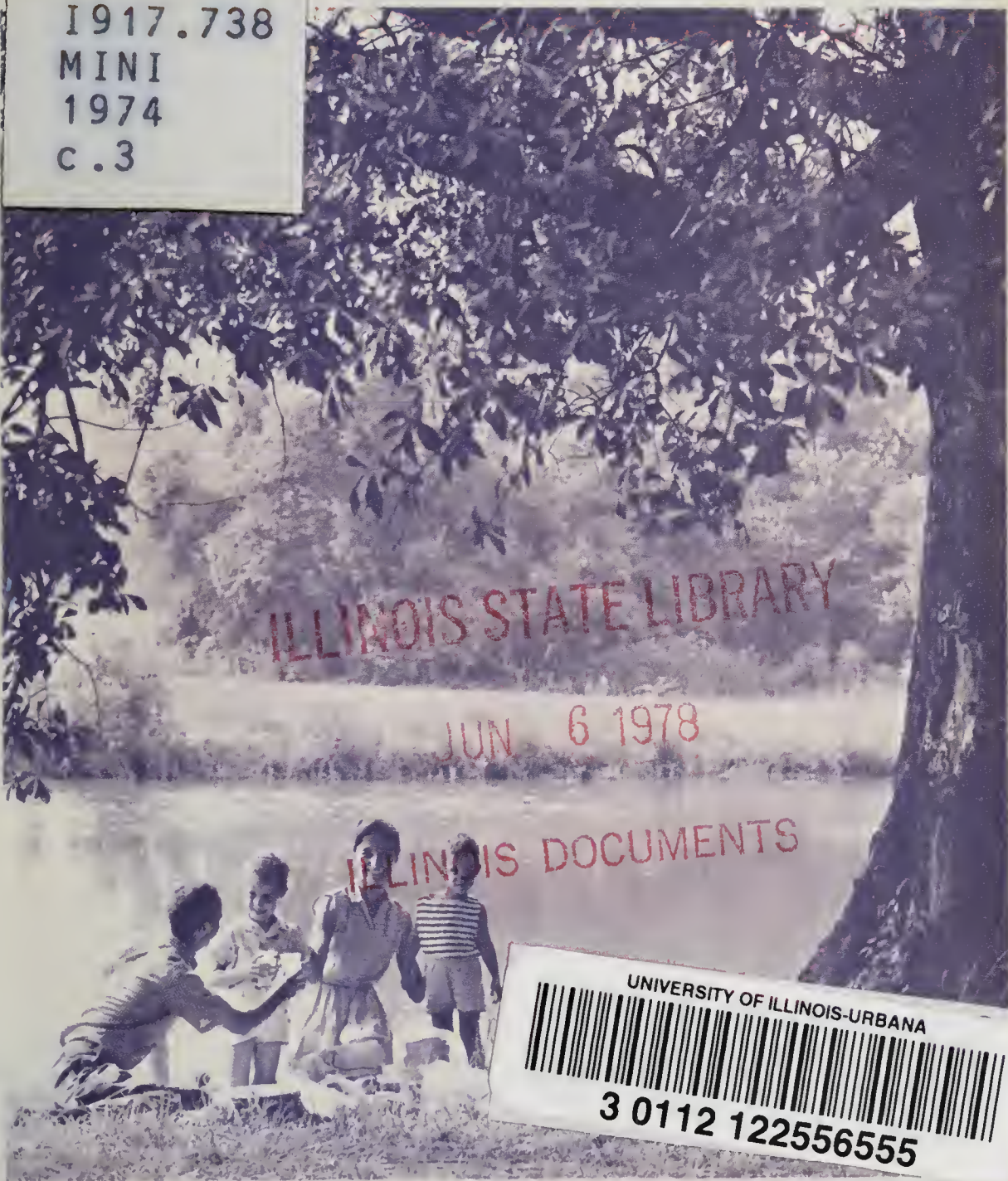


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# MiniTrip 5 ROUTE 3 NO. MINI TRIP (Distance 70 or 110 miles approx.)

\* add 50 miles for extra sites marked with \*

## GIANT LOCKS AND CANAL

... largest in the western hemisphere

## LEWIS & CLARK STATE PARK

... the famous expedition wintered

## LOVEJOY MONUMENT

## CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

## GIANT LOCKS & DAM

## HISTORIC HOMES

... all in historic Alton

## PIASA BIRD

... first seen by Father Marquette in 1673

## ELSAH

... nostalgic hideaway community

## GRAFTON

... famous for fishing and water sports

## PERE MARQUETTE PARK & LODGE

... Illinois' largest state park—over 6,000 acres

## \* BRUSSELS FERRY

... lots of family fun

## \* WITTMOND HOTEL

... once a stage stop, now a gracious hotel

## \* APPLISHED FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

... you have to see it to believe it

## \* KOSTER SITE, KAMPSVILLE MUSEUM

... a must for historians and archaeology buffs

## \* HISTORIC DRAWBRIDGE

... leads to friendly Hardin



Start on Route 3 at Granite City's giant 1200 and 600 foot Locks and inland Canal, a sightseeing must for every family!

Then north on Route 3 to Hartford where Lewis and Clark State Park lies at the confluence of two of the mightiest rivers of the world. This is an exceptional riverside picnic spot.

Then north on 3 to Alton's tall and majestic Lovejoy Monument, a reminder that an abolitionist editor died for freedom of the press.

The Confederate Monument in Alton is dedicated to 1,354 prisoners of war who died of smallpox in the area's prisons between 1862 and 1865.

The Alton Locks on the Mississippi, featuring an observation deck and spacious park are a "must" for travelers. Nearby in the city is the site of the seventh Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Northward on the Great River Road, on the limestone bluff, is the famous Piasa Bird that Marquette discovered in 1673. Farther north is quaint Elsie with its historic buildings and shops.

Still farther north on the picturesque River Road are the quiet and restful fishing and boating areas of Grafton.

Then on to Pere Marquette State Park on Highway 100 with its huge, comfortable, rustic lodge and expansive (6000 acres) recreational and hiking areas. Marquette and Joliet visited this beautiful territory in 1673.

\* Backtrack a few miles south on Highway 100 from Pere Marquette to the Brussels Ferry and relax as you cross the Illinois River. Then follow a pleasant country highway 9 miles to Brussels' famous Wittmond Hotel for fun, fantastic food and nostalgia.

\* Journeying 8 miles farther down the road leads to Batchtown's Applished, the family recreation center with terrific home cooking and great entertainment.

\* Then north to Kampsville and a special treat for archaeological buffs are the digs at famous Koster site near Kampsville and the Kampsville Museum.

NOTE: Kampsville may also be reached by heading north from Pere Marquette on Route 100 and crossing the historic Hardin Draw Bridge along the way.

# *The beauty of Mini Trips in exciting*

## **SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS EXPEDITIONLAND**

Take your pick—you'll discover history, education, fun, relaxation and most of all, excitement, hospitality in Expeditionland! Comfortable lodging and tasteful eating experiences can also be a part of your trip.

These Mini-Trips have been carefully planned on major routes to allow the traveler time to fully appreciate selected attractions.





## Mini Trip 1 ROUTE 3 SOUTH MINI TRIP (Distance 65 miles approx.)

### CAHOKIA—BIRTHPLACE OF THE MIDWEST

... Old French Courthouse, Church & Jarrot Mansion

### FALLING SPRINGS PARK

... certainly worth the trip

### BAVARIAN STEIN MUSEUM AND RESTAURANT

... displaying historic beer steins & collectables

### APPLEKNOCKING IN THE FALL

... good ol' time family fun

### QUARTER HORSE CAPITAL OF THE U.S.A.

... a true western work ranch



Head south on Route 3 to historic Cahokia—the birthplace of the Midwest. The Old Courthouse is visited annually by thousands of historians as well as tourists from across the nation. Two blocks to the east, visitors find the Old Church of The Holy Family, built in 1799—the oldest church west of the Allegheny mountains. Near the Old Church is the Jarrot Mansion, a stately structure, believed to be the oldest brick building in Illinois.

South on Route 3 to Dupo's Falling Springs Park, a quaint picnic area where water pours from a hole in the bluffs and falls about 50 feet!

Then on to Columbia to Eberhard's Bavarian Stein Museum and Restaurant for history of steins, good food, drink and gemütlich!

East from Columbia on Route 158 to Millstadt in the fall provides "pick your own apples" at the famous Eckert Orchards near Millstadt.

East from Millstadt toward Smithton brings horse enthusiasts to the famous, 181 acre, Hulling Ranch, 5 miles south of Smithton off Route 159. Plenty of action, top quality horses and cattle and a spectacular drive through beautiful country areas.

## Mini Trip 2 ROUTES 460 & 177 MINI TRIP (Distance 65 miles approx.)

### HISTORIC EADS BRIDGE

... a national, historic landmark

### CAHOKIA DOWNS

... one of the finest tracks in the nation

### NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

... a principle attraction for visitors to the Midwest

### U. S. POPULATION CENTER

... in historic Mascoutah

### MINERAL SPRINGS HOTEL

... baths, massages and Illinois hospitality

### WASHINGTON COUNTY STATE PARK

... 1,377 acres of recreational land



Start at the historic, century old Eads Bridge over the Mississippi. A historic landmark, its unique arch design and extensive structuring rendered it, at the time of its construction, the most daring piece of architecture in the country.

Heading east on 460 brings Cahokia Downs Race Track into view. This track is one of the finest tracks in the nation.

Just east lies the huge, uniquely beautiful, 200 acre National Shrine of Our Lady of The Snows, a principal attraction for visitors to the Midwest. The beautiful, majestic Outdoor Altar at the base of a huge amphitheatre, which is capable of accommodating 6,000 persons, is the heart of the Shrine. Colorful garden areas, a replica of the famed Lourdes Grotto In France, the Stations of the Cross, and the Annunciation Garden containing the



reflection pool with Angelus Bells make the Shrine a must for all travelers. A motel, restaurant and gift shop are also on the grounds just west of Belleville.

Switching to Route 177 east of Belleville leads to the U. S. Population Center in Mascoutah—a historic community with a new, spacious city park.

Farther east on 177 to Okawville's famous Original Mineral Springs Hotel and Bath House, rightfully called the "Little Hot Springs of Illinois", featuring relaxing mineral baths and professional Swedish Massages, plus wonderful food and drink.

East on 177 to Route 127 South, leads to Washington County State Park, 1,377 acres of beautiful recreation areas. A good family outing selection.

## Mini Trip 3 ROUTE 50 MINI TRIP (Distance 60 miles approx.)



### FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS

... a major crossroads

### BUFFALO RANCH

... a delight for the youngsters

### McKENDREE COLLEGE

... oldest Methodist College  
east of the Mississippi

### CHOLERA CROSS

... a memorial of an 1849 epidemic

### CARLYLE LAKE, DAM & RECREATION AREAS

... largest man made reservoir in Illinois

### GENERAL DEAN SUSPENSION BRIDGE & PARK

... a picturesque structure,  
first built in 1859

### ENGINE 2500

... one of the largest ol' steam giants

### BRYAN'S HOME

... museum, park, monument and library

### HALFWAY HOUSE

... a restored stage stop

### STEPHEN A. FORBES

### CONSERVATION AREA

... 2,744 acres of woods and water

Start at busy, bustling, Fairview Heights on Route 50 and 159 and head toward O'Fallon where Buffalo still graze just north of town.

Then on Route 50 to Lebanon, the quaint community boasting beautiful, older homes, tree lined streets and McKendree College, oldest Methodist college in America, founded in 1828.

East on Route 50, south of Breese, is the famous Cholera Cross, symbol of the 1849 epidemic.

Further east on Route 50 lies 26,000 acre Carlyle Lake with some of the finest and most visited recreational areas in the Midwest. Good fishing, boating, sailing, skiing, camping and picnicing!

Just east of the city of Carlyle is a lovely 4 acre park and picnic area beside the famous General Dean Suspension Bridge over the Kaskaskia River which stands today as a solid statement of one of the few remaining historical suspension bridges.

For an interesting short side trip go south on Route 51 to Centralia, the railroad city and the famous Engine 2500 and nearby, beautiful Centralia Park and children's play area.

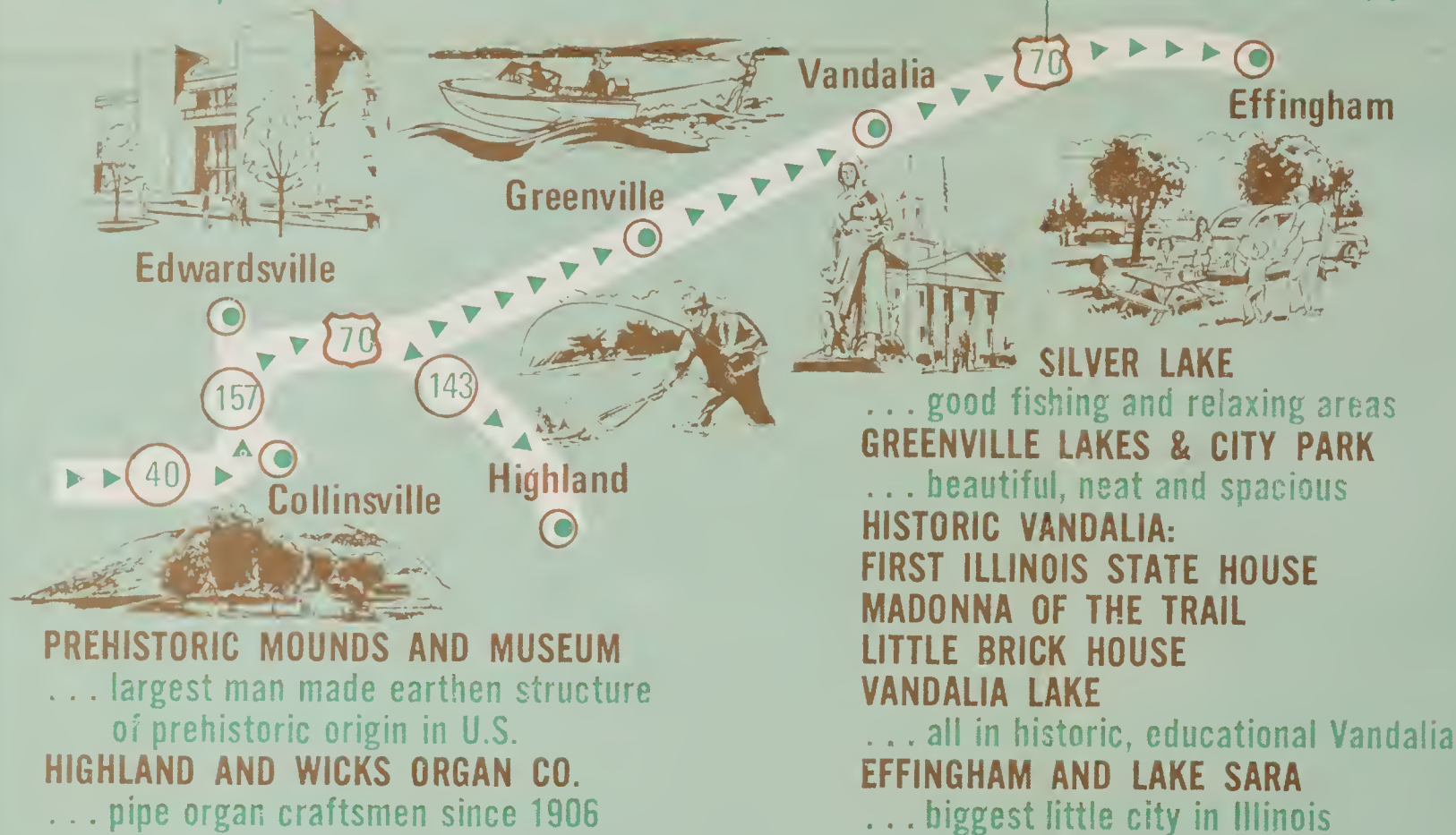
Continuing east on Route 50, leads to Salem, the birthplace of William Jennings Bryan, Bryan Museum and nearby, lovely Bryan Park.

Ten miles east of Salem on Route 50 is the famous Halfway House, a restored stage coach stop on the old Vincennes to St. Louis trail.

North on Route 37 and east on the rural road to Omega is 2,744 acre Steven A. Forbes State Park. A beautiful area for fishing, camping, hiking, and water sports.

## MiniTrip 4

ROUTES 40 & 70 MINI TRIP (Distance 96 miles approx.)



Start at Cahokia Mounds State Park and Museum on Route 40 just west of Collinsville where you'll enjoy the Midwest's largest series of prehistoric earthwork mounds. The park provides 650 acres of picnic and play areas.

East on 40 to 157 then north on 157 to sprawling Southern Illinois University west of Edwardsville and during the summer months, to the famous Mississippi River Festival. These outdoor evening performances feature top rock and contemporary concerts.

For an interesting side trip go east on Route 70 to Route 143, then southeast to hospitable Highland to visit the Wicks Organ Company, second largest organ manufacturer in the U.S.—also hand crafted grandfather clocks.

North on 160 to Interstate 70 will bring you several miles east of beautiful Silver Lake.

Then east on 70 to Greenville's lovely lakes and spacious city park.

Then farther east on 70 to historical Vandalia featuring the Illinois State House, Madonna of The Trail, and Little Brick House—all a must for historians. Yes, Vandalia with all its historical attractions, rightfully belongs on the Lincoln Heritage Trail. And for outdoor enthusiasts, a short trip to scenic Vandalia Lake for recreation or a family picnic.

Then east on 70 to fast growing Effingham and picturesque Lake Sara with 27 miles of shoreline for all water sports.